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Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are

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National Guard assisting at Peabody as five new deaths reported in a week

As new local restrictions announced, ISDH reports 17th Wabash County death

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announced the 17th COVID-19 death in Wabash County.

As a result of the local rise in cases, National Guard soldiers have been dispatched to long-term care facilities, the Wabash County Health

Department has issued new restrictions and more facilities have announced closures.

Peabody, National Guard respond to the latest outbreak

The ISDH updated its long-term care facilities dashboard with results as of Wednesday, Nov. 4 and were updated Wednesday, Nov. 11. The

dashboard is updated weekly at noon Wednesdays. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

During this most recent update, Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported 25 new resident positive cases, five new resident deaths, 35 total resident positive cases and 89 staff positive cases.

On Monday, Rod Craft, executive director of Peabody

Retirement Community, said since Oct. 29, they had 47 residents total test positive for COVID-19, with six recoveries; and 26 employees test positive, with six recoveries.

"Sadly, eight residents have died, and each had tested positive for the virus," said Craft.

Craft said they anticipate they will be welcoming back additional employees over the next week or so. Craft said they continue to work closely with the ISDH and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. "To further contain the

spread of COVID-19, we have remained diligent in our screening and testing efforts. This includes testing all of our residents and employees twice a week over the last two weeks, which is above and beyond current testing guidelines," said Craft. "We are also providing and requiring on-going infection control training for all employees."

On Tuesday, Craft said that on Nov. 2 the Indiana National Guard mobilized teams to

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Enjoying the 'Winter Air,' indoors



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Robert Lynn, conductor, left, speaks Monday evening during the pre-show talk as Elizabeth Smith solos on violin.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra's live streams second, final 2020 performance

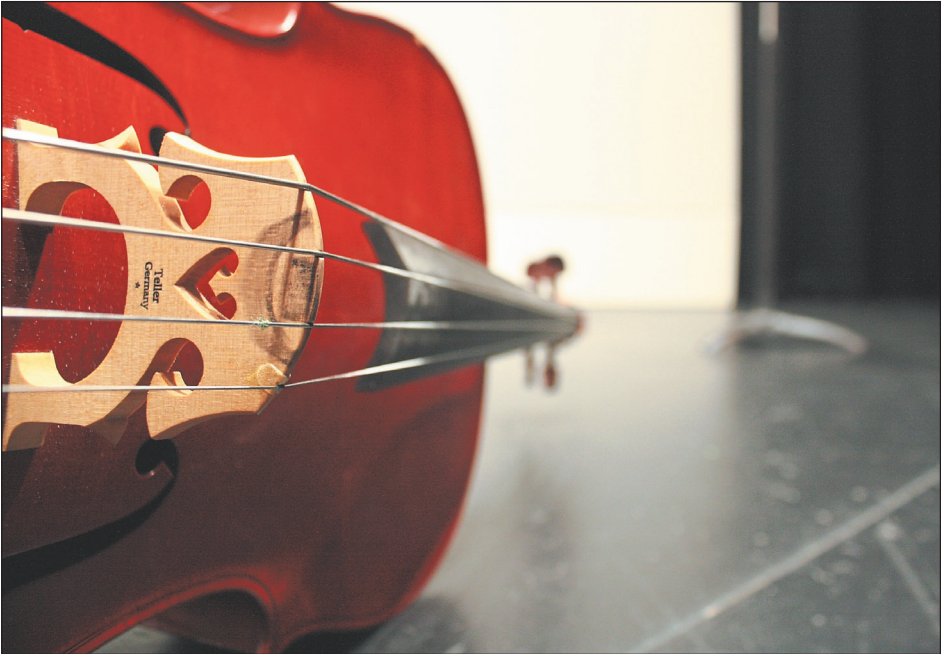
By **ROB BURGESS**
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The string performers posted on stage at the cavernous Cordier Auditorium at Manchester University's North Manchester campus on Monday evening looked as if they were about to perform for an empty house.

But, the rows and rows of empty seats they saw in front of them were not the audiences for which they were playing.

The real spectators were at their own homes, watching the live stream of the show.

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra was there to present their winter concert, "Winter Air." This was the



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Monday's performance included only string instruments.

Local attorney pushes for 'Nakota's Bill'

Zay looks to push aspects in the upcoming legislative session

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Alan Zimmerman is a family law attorney in Wabash. He is also a Little League coach. Specifically, he coached Nakota "Fergie" Kelly, 10, of Wabash.

In August, Kelly's father, Anthony Dibiah, 37, was charged with murdering his son in July.

On Monday, Zimmerman said it "took a while to get over the shock of what happened."

"But after about two weeks of being very emotional, I sat down in my conference room and I drew up proposed legislation so hopefully this kind of thing never happens again," said Zimmerman. "I thought if I take a hard look at myself, then I could take a hard look at the court system and I could take a hard look at the (Department of Child Services)."

So, Zimmerman drafted what he's calling "Nakota's Bill" and sent it to Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington.

On Monday, Zay said he would be pushing some aspects contained within the proposed legislation during the upcoming legislative session.

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WCPL anticipates providing employee raises thanks to budget reserves

November board meeting set to vote upon salary ordinance schedule

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

While many local municipal departments and districts have had to tighten their belts recently due to the economic slowdown, the Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) boasts

reserves and plans to give raises to its staff.

At their November meeting Tuesday evening, the WCPL Board of Trustees was set to vote upon their proposed salary ordinance.

Earlier in the day Tuesday, Ware W. Wimberly III, WCPL executive director, said they would determine the final salary schedule at the meeting, but that the 2021 budget had been submitted to the State of Indi-

ana Department of Local Government Finance for approval. The budget public hearing date was Sept. 15 and the budget was adopted Oct. 20.

For salaries and wages, \$501,121 is allocated in the 2021 budget, including both full-time and part-time team members.

Additional money, \$202,000, is budgeted for benefits such as employee health care, State Retirement Fund (PERF) and other associated costs.

At previous Wabash City Council meetings, Mayor Scott Long has warned that significant revenue shortfalls were on the way due to the shutdowns caused by COVID-19.

However, Wimberly said the WCPL wasn't in the same position. "The library has been able to provide raises over the past number of years and

anticipate will be able to that again for 2021," said Wimberly. "Salaries and wages have not been reduced with the pandemic. I would anticipate that to continue in 2021 also."

At the Monday, Sept. 28 Wabash City Council meeting, Wimberly presented their annual budget and said they were "blessed" with reserves, though they

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Visit Wabash County’s 2020 Exclusive ornament now on sale

Susan Stewart created the cardinal ornament out of hand-cut glass

STAFF REPORT



Provided photo

This year’s chosen ornament artisan, Susan Stewart, created the cardinal ornament out of hand-cut glass and added frit – ground glass – to create bold colors.






Wabash resident Susan Stewart of Sneaky Kitten Studio began making jewelry with dichroic glass approximately 12 years ago when a friend introduced her to the medium. Dichroic glass consists of multiple ultra-thin lay-

ers of different metals – such as gold or silver – oxides of metals such as titanium, chromium, aluminum, zirconium or magnesium, or silica that are vaporized by an electron beam in a vacuum chamber. The vapor then condenses on the surface of the glass in the form of a crystal structure. Stewart is currently participating in art shows around the country as well as working on new designs and techniques during the “off” season that includes glass casting and pot melts.

A limited quantity of 100 ornaments are available for purchase and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Ornaments may be picked up at the time of purchase and payment is due upon receipt. Ornaments may be purchased online at VisitWabashCounty.com and picked up at the Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St.





For more information, call 260-563-7171.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Sunny 49 / 37	 Thursday Mostly Sunny 64 / 45	 Friday Partly Cloudy 61 / 46	 Saturday Mostly Cloudy 63 / 49	 Sunday Few Showers 62 / 40
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:25 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:32 a.m.

 First 11/21	 Full 11/30	 Last 12/7	 New 12/14
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 49°, humidity of 39%. South southeast wind 1 to 13 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 37°. South wind 10 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 29°. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 64°, humidity of 35%.

Wabash Marketplace announces holiday plans

Many in-person activities have been moved online

STAFF REPORT

The holiday season will look a little different in downtown Wabash this year. Many of Wabash’s favorite holiday traditions will change formats, according to Andrea Zwiebel, executive director of Wabash Marketplace.

“Downtown businesses are open and would love to offer you top-notch service this holiday,” said Zwiebel.

A new feature to make it easy to shop small in Downtown Wabash is an online calendar of store specials. The calendar is frequently updated with new deals and events. For more information, visit <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/holidays-2020.html>.

Wabash Marketplace is selling “Give the Gift of Downtown” gift baskets on their website, starting Monday, Nov. 23. The baskets will be custom made and available for in-person pickup. For more information or to place a custom order, call 260-563-0975.

“As reported earlier in the month, Wabash Marketplace has decided to cancel large-scale activities for Downtown Holiday Night to Remember on Friday, Nov. 20 in an effort to reduce large gatherings. There are still plenty of ways to support Downtown Wabash that night,” said Zwiebel.

Planned events include:

- The Courthouse Lighting, which will be live broadcast on 105.9 FM Facebook Page at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20.
- The “Stamping Map” to win Downtown Bucks, which is being replaced with a new program called “Shop Local to Win.” The program begins Friday, Nov. 20.
- Many businesses will offer extended hours until 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20.

The voting for the People’s Choice Holiday Window Contest will take place on-



Provided photo

TOP: The voting for the People’s Choice Holiday Window Contest will take place online this year. ABOVE: The Courthouse Lighting, which will be live broadcast on 105.9 FM Facebook Page at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20.

line this year. Wabash Marketplace will post photos/videos of the decorated storefront windows in Downtown Wabash. Voting opens at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25. For more information, visit <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/vote.html>.

“Black Friday and Small Business Saturday will be a fun way to end Thanksgiving weekend,” said Zwiebel.

Business specials will be listed online. For more information, visit <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/> black-friday—small-business-saturday.html.

“Face coverings are required while shopping in-store. Many businesses are offering curbside pick up, shopping by appointment and local delivery. Wabash Marketplace encourages you to shop local this holiday season,” said Zwiebel. “More details will be announced as the holiday season approaches.”

For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Wabash VFW Post No. 286 to host fish dinner Friday

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 286 has scheduled a hand beer-battered fish dinner from 4 to 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford. The menu for the fish fry will include hand beer-battered fish, baked beans, coleslaw and hush

puppies. The cost will be \$9 per person. It will be open to the public and carryout will be available. For more information call 260-563-2463.

VETERAN HONORED BY DAR



Provided photo

The November program of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honored Lisa Sutter, 1979-86 U.S. Army Cold War Veteran. She went to a military foreign language school in California to study and speak Russian, a very difficult language. For two years Lisa was stationed in Nuremberg, Germany; but never saw any combat duty. She traveled to many different countries while stationed overseas. Pictured from left are Sutter and Barbara Amiss, regent.

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2020 Great American Smoke Out planned for Thursday

Help available in Wabash County during the annual intervention

STAFF REPORT

Each year on the third Thursday in November, thousands take the challenge to put down their cigarettes or vapes for 24 hours, and many will never pick them up again. Thursday, Nov. 19 marks the Great American Smoke Out, an annual intervention hosted by the American Cancer Society as a call to action to take the first step towards better health through the elimination of tobacco products, according to Dan Gray, director of the Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition.

“Clean, fresh air has never meant so much to us as today. Mark the day by learning more about the impact of smoking on health, and get started with your smoke-free journey by taking advantage of the many resources available,” said Gray.

Gray said the inception of the Great American Smoke Out stems from a 1970 event in Randolph, Massachusetts. High school guidance counselor, Arthur P. Mullaney, asked people to give up cigarettes for one day and donate the money they would have spent on buying cigarettes to a high school scholarship fund. A few years later in 1974, newspaper editor Lynn R. Smith led Minnesota’s first Don’t Smoke Day. The two efforts caught on and on Nov. 18, 1976, the California Division of the American Cancer Society got 1 million people to quit smoking for the day. This marked the first official Smoke Out before the American Cancer Society took it nationwide in 1977.

“As a result, there was a dramatic change in the public view of tobacco advertising and use. Many public establishments and workplaces are now smoke-free to protect non-smokers and support people trying to quit,” said Gray.

Every year the Great American Smoke Out draws attention to preventing deaths and chronic illnesses caused by smoking. From the late 1980s to the 1990s, many state and local governments have raised taxes on cigarettes, limited promotions, discouraged teen cigarette use, and taken further action to counter smoking. States with strong tobacco control laws saw up to a 42 percent decrease of smoking in adults

Though smoking rates have dropped, almost 38

million Americans still smoke tobacco, and about half of all smokers will encounter smoking-related deaths. Each year, more than 480,000 people in the United States die from a smoking-related illness, meaning smoking causes 1 out of 5 deaths in the United States alone.

According to the American Lung Association, smoking contributes to more than 80 percent of lung cancer deaths in both men and women. Compared to non-smokers, men who smoke are 23 times more likely to develop lung cancer, and women are 11 times more likely. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, quitting smoking lowers the risk for 12 types of cancers: cancers of the lung, larynx, oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, pancreas, bladder, stomach, colon and rectum, liver, cervix, kidney and acute myeloid leukemia.

Gray said today, smoking rates continue to drop, but vaping rates for young people continue to rise. Risks of vaping include exposure to metals and introduction to tobacco addiction. There is concern about the impact on young brains, COVID-19 risks and the wasted expense of these products.

“We have all been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that smoking and vaping increases inflammation of the lungs, and can increase the risk of lung infections in general. Although the evidence is not fully understood, it seems that smokers who get COVID may be at increased risk of severe illness, and it might also increase the risk of being exposed to and getting infected with the SARS Co-V2 virus. This is a perfect time to stop smoking and vaping, even for one day,” said Gray.

Free help is available through the Indiana Tobacco Quitline, a cessation counseling service for Indiana residents age 13 and older. The Quitline offers help via phone, Web and text and includes additional support for pregnant women.

Visit www.QuitNowIndiana.com or call 800-QUIT-NOW for assistance.

Hoosiers interested in stopping vaping can also call the Quitline for help, and youth looking to quit vaping can text “DitchJUUL” to 887-09 to access the national text messaging program.

For local help in Wabash County, contact the Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition by calling 260-274-2920 or emailing tobaccofreewabash@hotmail.com.

Laketon American Legion announces new serving schedule

Reservations for Thanksgiving dinner now being taken

STAFF REPORT

The Laketon American Legion has a new schedule for serving breakfast and lunch, according to Thelma Butler.

The new schedule is from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 10140 N. Troyer Road, Laketon.

Butler said reservations are now being taken for their Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26.

For more information, call 260-901-1150 or 260-306-0072.

Carl Franklin Selleck

Oct. 21, 1956 – Nov. 13, 2020

Carl Franklin Selleck, 64, of Peru, passed away at 12:55pm on Friday, November 13, 2020 at his residence.

He was born in Wabash on October 21, 1956 to Hugh and Bonnie (Sparks) Selleck. He married his wife Cindy (Hatch) on May 27, 1983, after 3 years together, and she survives. He retired as a maintenance worker at Smithfield. He was a member of the Young America Center United Methodist Church, and was a former member of the United Steel Workers Local 626.

Carl enjoyed outdoor activities, like hunting, fishing and camping. He loved spending time with family and friends, playing cards, and watching his grandkids’ sports. He was our Superman that fought the battle of cancer for 7 years.

He is survived by his wife Cindy, his father Hugh Selleck (companion Evelyn Strausser), and his children: Michael J. Callaway of Logansport, (Deann Callaway) Christina L. Callaway (Brandon Baker) of Peru, Zackary C. Selleck (Tracy Selleck) of Peru, and Justin D.H. Selleck of Peru; as well as 11 grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers Larry (Shirley) Selleck of Galveston, Hugh (Sheryl) Selleck Jr. of Logansport, John (Tammy) Selleck of Kentucky, William Hoffman (Tammy) of Peru, and Michael Paul (Keegan) Selleck of Peru;



as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother Bonnie, granddaughter Jada Rose, grandson Dalton Wayne, and son-in-law Jamie Smith.

Visitation will be held from 4pm – 8pm on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru, Indiana. Funeral service will be held at 11am on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor John Newman officiating. Burial will take place at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Logansport, Indiana.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, face coverings will be required and social distancing guidelines observed.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

Charles W. Signs

Dec.17, 1931 – Nov. 13, 2020

Charles W. Signs, 88, of Auburn, Indiana, formerly of North Manchester, Indiana, died at 9:28 am, Friday, November 13, 2020 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. He was born December 17, 1931 in Wabash County, Indiana, to Frank and Alice (Betten) Signs.

Charles was a 1949 graduate of Laketon High School. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1952-1955. Charles married Wylene A. (Farrington) Davis, March 26, 1981, in Ijamsville, Indiana. He had a passion for farming, and his family farm was the first farm in the state of Indiana to grow soybeans in 1919. Charles attended Victory Christian Fellowship in North Manchester and was a member of American Legion Post 402. He also was a recipient of the Golden Pen Award from the Journal Gazette. Charles enjoyed politics, reading, and spending time



with his family and dog, Riley.

He is survived by his wife, Wylene A. Signs of Auburn, four children, Kim

Davis of Jackson, Michigan, William Davis of Avilla, Indiana, Vicki Davis of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Thomas (Libby) Davis of Jackson, Michigan, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Frank Signs, Jr.

Funeral services will be private at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Tim Morbitzer officiating. Entombment will be in Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum, at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Victory Christian Fellowship.

The memorial guest book for Charles may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Richard Samuel Hipskind

Richard Samuel Hipskind passed away on a calm Sunday morning, the 15th of November 2020, at 75 years of age.

Mass of Christian Burial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Wabash. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks will be required to attend mass. Graveside interment will

follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with Recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Bonnie Louise Kreider

Bonnie Louise Kreider, 94, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on November 14, 2020 at Parkview Hospital in Wabash, Indiana.

Surviving is her hus-

band, Bob and her two daughters, Sue Simmons, Westfield, Indiana and Kay (Steve) Klotz, Logansport, Indiana. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren, Heather (Nick) Gault,

Max Eugene Chamberlain

Jan. 14, 1934 – Nov. 15, 2020

Max Eugene Chamberlain, 86, of Urbana, Indiana, died at 6:52 pm, Sunday, November 15, 2020 at his home in Urbana. He was born on January 14, 1934 in Rensselaer, Indiana, to Florence Fondrene (Brunton) Printy. At the age of five, after his mother’s death, he was adopted by his aunt and uncle, John and Altie (Brunton) Chamberlain, who then became his loving parents.

Max was a 1953 graduate of Urbana High School, and a graduate of the Purdue University Short Course. He served in the US Army National Security Agency from 1955-1958. He married Nancy Ann Biehl at the St. Peters United Church of Christ in Urbana on September 14, 1958. Max was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Urbana Yoke Parish and served on the church board. He was a 39 year member of the Urbana Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Urbana Lions Club, 20 year 4H leader of the Ribbon Reapers 4H Club, 4H Council, served on the Beef Committee several years and the Lagro Township Advisory Board. Max enjoyed fishing, hunting, mowing his yard, and especially loved 4H and his grandkids.

In addition to his loving wife of 62 years, Nancy, he is survived by children, Tami (Mark) Vigar of Roann, Indiana, K. Rená (Jeff) Warnock of Urbana, Lori (Ed) Fitch of North Manchester, Indiana, Brian (Janet) Chamberlain of Roann, and Todd (Sara) Chamberlain of Urbana, 13 grandchildren, Dennis (Jennifer) Vigar of Urbana, Dana (Tom) Wright of Roann, Stephanie Warnock of Laketon, Indiana, Jason (Jennie) Warnock, and Jer-



emy (Mikki) Warnock both of Urbana, Jarod (Brittany) Fitch of North Manchester, Caley (Brodie) Stith of Urbana, Ian (Taylor) Fitch of Wabash, Indiana, Travis (Allison) Chamberlain of Urbana, Tanner (Sydney) Chamberlain, Taylor (Nick) Wilson, and Erin (Tyler Brewer) Chamberlain all of Wabash, and Kennedy (Bret McMullen) Chamberlain of Pendleton, Indiana, 27 great-grandchildren, sister, Doris Paul of Warren, Indiana, and sister-in-law, Martha Chamberlain of Urbana. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Orville Chamberlain, and sister, Betty Cooper.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, November 20, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brian Chamberlain and Rev. Larry Wade officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-8 pm Thursday at the funeral home. The family asks that facial coverings please be worn.

Preferred memorials are the Urbana Yoke Parish or Urbana Lions Club.

The memorial guest book for Max may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Marvin Chester Lawson

Nov. 10, 1935 – Nov. 16, 2020

Marvin Chester Lawson, 85, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:03 am, Monday, November 16, 2020 at Parkview Wabash Hospital in Wabash. He was born on November 10, 1935 in Wabash, Indiana, to Kenneth and Marie (Davis) Lawson.

Marvin married Delores “Dottie” Murphy on September 17, 1955, at his parent’s home in Wabash County. He was a member and deacon at College Corner Brethren Church, rural Wabash. Marvin farmed all of his life and had a passion for it. He did some carpentry work on the side and enjoyed camping and woodworking.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, Dottie, he is survived by his three sons, Chester (Cindy) Lawson of Wabash, Danny (Lynne) Lawson of Ashland, Ohio, and Jeffery (Lori) Lawson of Wabash, six grandchildren, Jesse (Winter) Lawson of Wabash, Esther (Derek) Stout of Indianapolis, Indiana, Alesia (Matthew) Folsom of New York, New York, David Lawson of Columbus, Ohio, Skyler (Natalie) Lawson of Indianapolis, and Justin Lawson of Wabash, five great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Evelyn Bridegroom and Joan Dunphy



both of Wabash, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Velma Templin.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, November 20, 2020, at College Corner Brethren Church, 8996 S. 500 W., Wabash, with Pastor Dan Lawson officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Memorial Cemetery, rural Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 pm Thursday, at the church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is College Corner Brethren Church.

The memorial guest book for Marvin may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

with eight great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Bonnie’s life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

NMHS plans ‘Market @ the Museum’ event

Area artisans are going to be selling their wares from Dec. 1 to 12

STAFF REPORT

The staff at the North Manchester Center for History (NMCH) has been working on its last event for 2020, Market @ the Museum, according to Laura Rager, director. Area artisans are going to be selling their wares from Dec. 1 to 12.

Rager said booths will be spaced throughout our main floor giving plenty of area for social distancing. Masks will be required while in the museum. Market hours will be the same as the regular museum hours, which are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. “This will be a great opportunity to do some local shopping while supporting area artists,” said Rager.

Manchester University comes in first place in U Can Crush Hunger competition

The sixth annual event exceeded last year’s record and doubled the 50,000-pound goal

STAFF REPORT

The sixth annual U Can Crush Hunger competition has exceeded last year’s record and doubled the 50,000-pound goal, according to Carmen Cumberland, executive president. “Community Harvest sincerely thanks the schools, Two Men and a Truck, sponsors, and the community for their support in crushing hunger this holiday season,” said Cumberland. “We crushed it.” There were 100,500 pounds raised in total. “This will provide meals to hungry students, seniors,

children, veterans and families in northeast Indiana,” said Cumberland. The top finishers were: First Place: Manchester University with 34,670 pounds. Second Place: University of Saint Francis with 27,293 pounds. Third Place: Indiana Tech with 18,608 pounds. Fourth Place: PFW with 9,011 pounds. Fifth Place: Trine University with 5,795 pounds. Sixth Place: Huntington with 3,684 pounds. Seventh Place: Ivy Tech with 1,440 pounds. Sponsors included Steel Dynamics, Barrett McNagny Attorneys at Law, Blaze Pizza, Premier Bank, Dickmeyer Boyce Financial Management and AALCO Distributing Company.

Learn More Center available for in-center or distance-only learning

In the past three years, 144 students have earned their high school equivalency diplomas

STAFF REPORT

Changing times and increased unemployment call for increased education. With locations in both North Manchester and Wabash, the Learn More Center has also changed to make learning even more accessible. From in-center classes to distance-only options, the Learn More Center offers services at no cost to students. Earning a high school equivalency diploma to get a better-paying job has never been easier, according to Gary Montel, development officer. “The Learn More Center seeks to eliminate illiteracy, encourage educational attainment, and advance employability through its programs,” said Montel. “Students who work with staff and volunteer tutors strengthen math and language skills, develop skills for job advancement, gain confidence and become

lifelong learners.” Montel said in just in the past three years 144 students have earned their high school equivalency diplomas. “The reach of these students’ education extends past the classroom; studies show that the transfer of enthusiasm for learning from parents to their children has been found to occur when adults are involved in literacy programs,” said Montel. Montel said all services are free to students, making the Learn More Center accessible to those most in need. “Donations are crucial to the sustainability of the Learn More Center,” said Montel. Montel said support for the Learn More Center comes from a mixture of private donations, foundation grants, and Workforce Development assistance. “Whatever your reason for continuing your education, the Learn More Center is here for you,” said Montel. For more information, call 260-330-1461 or 260-330-1082, or visit www.learnmorecenter.org.

Indiana pandemic death toll tops 5K as virus continues surge

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The coronavirus pandemic has now claimed the lives of more than 5,000 Indiana residents, while another increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations has filled the state’s hospitals with nearly 3,000 patients, state health officials said Tuesday. Eighty-four newly recorded coronavirus-related deaths pushed Indiana’s pandemic toll to 5,025, including confirmed and presumed coronavirus infections, the Indiana State Department of Health said. The department’s daily statistics update also shows that Indiana had 2,951 coronavirus

hospitalizations as of Monday. That’s the largest number hospitalized with COVID-19 since the state began making such reports public last spring, and it surpasses the previous peak of 2,768 COVID-19 hospitalizations recorded as of Sunday. The state agency also reported that another 5,541 Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 – the seventh straight day of recording more than 5,000 new infections. Indiana’s average daily number of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 6,143 as of Monday, up 243 percent from a month ago.

Students studying healthcare professions encouraged to apply for scholarships

Applications for The Lutheran Foundation program due Feb. 1, 2021

STAFF REPORT

The Lutheran Foundation (TLF) is encouraging students to apply for its Health Professions Scholarship Program, according to Connie Minier, communications and public relations manager. TLF has multiple scholarships – starting at \$1,000 – to award to students pursuing degrees in nursing or other

healthcare professions. This is a broad category that encompasses much more than nursing programs; for example, scholarships have been awarded to both undergraduate and graduate students in counseling, physical therapy, mental health, dental and medical programs. To qualify for a scholarship, students must reside in one of the following northeast Indiana counties: Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells or Whitley. Also, they must attend one of

the following eligible schools in northeast Indiana: ■ Huntington University, Huntington ■ Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne ■ Indiana University, Fort Wayne ■ Indiana University School of Medicine, Fort Wayne ■ Indiana Wesleyan University, Fort Wayne ■ Ivy Tech Community College, Fort Wayne ■ Manchester University, Fort Wayne ■ Manchester University, North Manchester ■ Purdue University, Fort Wayne ■ Trine University, Angola ■ Trine University, Fort Wayne ■ University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne Since 2008, TLF has awarded 482 scholarships totaling more than \$771,000 to deserving students. The application deadline for a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year is noon Feb. 1, 2021. For more information, visit <https://thelutheranfoundation.org/investing/scholarships>.

Catholic beliefs, Catholic responsibilities

“Are you celebrating?” The Uber driver’s question took me a little off-guard. And then he may have gotten an earful from me. He was talking about the election. And my answer was “no.” There is nothing to celebrate when New York City was boarded up for election night, with the threat of violence looming on the chance that Donald Trump would win reelection. There were literal fires election week around Washington Square Park. I watched one viral video of a woman spitting in the face of a police officer simply trying to keep the peace. I’m grateful for when police are around, because people are being crazy. I’ve never gotten so yelled at in my life as I have in recent weeks in Manhattan. People are on edge. Election week included helicopters hovering overhead late into the night, a buzzing sound that wouldn’t quit. Of course, then there is all the noise we willingly subject ourselves to. What if we all just turned off the

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endless angry rhetoric of cable news for a while, for the sakes of our hearts and minds? And so now we will have the second Catholic president. That’s a tragedy and a scandal. The second Catholic president, representing a party that has the most radical abortion agenda, with the one legit pro-life Democrat, Rep. Dan Lipinski, leaving, having been primaried out of his seat by the abortion lobby. And let’s not get into the vice president-elect’s views on Catholicism. And I don’t even know if I blame Joe Biden for this mess. He’s certainly had more than his fair share of suffering in his life. He wouldn’t be the only Catholic who has not read the catechism of the Catholic church. We have a long tradition here in the United States of, as Harvard professor and former ambassador to the Holy See Mary Ann Glendon has put it, Catholics being either chameleons or turtles. We blend in with the culture or we hide, hoping no one notices us. That’s not the Christian call, however. We need to be showing people that we are Christian by our love. The measure of our

lives is love. By the way we are living our lives today, would anyone know it? The news of Biden’s victory over President Trump came around the same time as the long-awaited report from the Vatican on Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. One of the most well-known and connected churchmen of recent times has turned out to be a criminal. Maybe by the time you read this column, I will have finished the 400-plus-page report, but I find it impossible to read any other way than slowly and prayerfully. It’s a searing examination of McCarrick and the people he abused, but it also portrays a poisoned culture, and I’m not just talking about within the church. On the way to Mass at Old St. Patrick’s cathedral one gloomy fall morning, I noticed the words “good in bed” on a store window. It turns out they were part of an ad for sleepwear for women – something much more modest than the sex toys in the window down the block from St. Joseph’s in the Village, not too far away. You’ve got to wonder if the creepy, perverse oversexed nature of so much in our society is a cry for help, evi-

dence of a buried longing for a transcendence other than the physical. Also on the way to St. Patrick’s is a mailbox with a unicorn decal of some sort that declares “I Hate Everything.” More than one person is feeling that way, as evidenced by a depressing recent Google search I did. What are we going to do about that? Neither Joe Biden nor a Vatican report is not going to fix it. The late Cardinal John O’Connor, whose actions regarding McCarrick hold up well in the Vatican report, said that the most beautiful words of Jesus were “Father, forgive them, for they know now not what they do.” We should pray for forgiveness for all who contribute to a culture of death – and many of us do contribute, one way or another. Life, light, love: Those are the things to celebrate, outside and inside politics. Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

Rabbi Lord Sacks – a mind and heart for all ages

Atypical Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks speech would open with a self-deprecating jab at long-winded rabbis, then flow into a blend of Hebrew texts, science, law, literature, current events and the scriptures of other faiths. Lord Sacks, the former chief rabbi of the United Kingdom, died on Nov. 7 at age 72, after battles with cancer that began in his 30s. Shortly after his passing, he was praised by Charles, Prince of Wales: “His immense learning spanned the secular and the sacred, and his prophetic voice spoke to our greatest challenges with unfailing insight and boundless compassion. His wise counsel was sought and appreciated by those of all faiths and none.” Most of all, Lord Sacks was known for using modern information and insights to defend ancient truths. One famous address, at a 2014 Vatican conference on marriage, began with fish mating in a Scottish lake 385 million years ago before charting humanity’s rise from polygamy to monogamy, including some awkward biblical

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dramas. Before this speech ended with a standing ovation, the rabbi explained that his goal was to defend the “most beautiful idea in the history of civilization,” the concept of love as the origin of new life. “What made the traditional family remarkable, a work of high religious art, is what it brought together: sexual drive, physical desire, friendship, companionship, emotional kinship and love, the begetting of children and their protection and care, their early education and induction into an identity and a history,” he explained. “Seldom has any institution woven together so many different drives and desires. ... It made sense of the world and gave it a human face – the face of love. For a whole variety of reasons, some to do with medical developments like birth control, in vitro fertilization and other genetic interventions, some to do with moral change like the idea that we are free to do whatever we like so long as it does not harm others, some to do with a transfer of responsibilities from the individual to the state ... almost everything that marriage once brought together has now been split apart. Sex has been divorced from love, love from commitment, marriage from having children and having children from responsibility for their care.” Lord Sacks was part of the Modern Orthodox movement and wrote two dozen prayer books and works about science and spirituality, as well as serving as a commentator on BBC Four’s “Thought for the Day.” He became chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth in 1991, holding that post until 2013. Queen Elizabeth II knighted him in 2005 and he entered the House of Lords in 2009. In academia, the rabbi was known for his classes at Yeshiva University, New York University and Israel’s Hebrew University. His fame in the United States grew as he defended religious liberty and tolerance in an increasingly pluralistic culture. Then Lord Sacks was awarded the 2016 Templeton Prize, adding his name to a list of luminaries in religion, science and public life that began in 1973 with Mother Teresa and includes the likes of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Dalai Lama and the Rev. Billy Graham. “Wherever we look, politically, religiously, economically, environmentally, there is insecurity and instability,” he said in his acceptance speech. “It is not too much

to say that the future of the West and the unique form of freedom it has pioneered for the past four centuries is altogether at risk.” Far too many modern people have “outsourced” their moral choices to forces in the “marketplace,” he said, plugging into fads and fantasies that fuel selfish desires. At that point, economics drive ethics. When these choices have consequences, people look to government for solutions to “failed relationships, neglected children, depressive illness, wasted lives.” This is why “civilizations begin to die when they lose the moral passion that brought them into being in the first place,” argued Lord Sacks. “The sure signs are these: a falling birth-rate, moral decay, growing inequalities, a loss of trust in social institutions, self-indulgence on the part of the rich, hopelessness on the part of the poor, unintegrated minorities, a failure to make sacrifices in the present for the sake of the future, a loss of faith in old beliefs and no new vision to take their place. These are the danger signals, and they are flashing now.” Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

COVID-19 school turmoil, teacher pay face lawmakers

By TOM DAVIES Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The turmoil that Indiana schools have faced from the coronavirus pandemic will be a top concern of state legislators during their upcoming session, the leader of the Indiana House said Monday. Indiana lawmakers will take the first formal steps toward their 2021 session when they gather at the Statehouse on Tuesday for the Legislature’s organizational meetings. It will also be the first meeting of the House and Senate since the coronavirus pandemic

was first sweeping across the country in March. Republican House Speaker Todd Huston said he was worried about children possibly having more than a year of their education disrupted by the pandemic. Schools across the state were closed for the final months of last school year out of coronavirus concerns. Indiana schools largely resumed in-person classes this fall, but many have shifted to more virtual classes in recent weeks amid sharp increases in COVID-19 deaths, hospitalizations and confirmed new infections.

A focus of state officials needs to be on how to help students catch up, Huston said during an online program with other legislative leaders sponsored by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. “This wasn’t the schools’ fault, the teachers’ fault, the parents’ fault, the kids’ fault. This was just a unique time,” Huston said. “We’re going to have to figure out how we walk hand in hand to help support, particularly low-income students who, I think, have felt disproportionately the challenge of this pandemic.” Tests have confirmed

COVID-19 infections among more than 8,200 students and 1,600 teachers across Indiana since the start of the current school year, according to a weekly state health department report updated Monday. Indiana’s coronavirus hospitalizations are up about 250 percent since late September. When the new legislative session starts in January, lawmakers will face drafting a new two-year state budget with uncertainties about state tax collections during the national recession and whether Congress will eventually approve additional financial assistance for states.

Knights wrap up their football season at regionals

Southwood varsity team put up a fight Friday with South Adams

By ALINA REED
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Southwood High School was the host location for a packed crowd Friday, as fans gathered to watch one of the most anticipated games in recent Southwood history. The Class 1A regional championship was played between No. 1 South Adams, and No. 3 Southwood, in a game that did not disappoint.

As the game began, it appeared as if it would be a defensive showdown, as sophomore Morgan Lloyd, got a huge third-down sack on South Adams' first drive of the game. Southwood was unable to do anything on their first drive as well, leading to a punt. The defense continued to shine as both South Adams and Southwood were held to a three-and-out and forced to punt on their second drives of the game.

As South Adams began their third drive of the game, fans were finally able to see some offensive production. A defensive offsides penalty by Southwood was immediately followed by a 50-yard touchdown pass from South Adams, which found the Knights trailing 7-0. The Knights offense woke up on their next drive also. Facing third and 16, senior quarterback, Alex Farr, unleashed his first big pass of the game as he connected with senior, Dawson Filip for a 36-yard completion. The Knights appeared to be going nowhere from there though, as they were facing fourth down and 11. A big decision from coach Dave Snyder paid off in huge dividends. Southwood decided to go for it, and Farr was able to connect with senior, Carson Rich as he was running up the sideline. Rich jumped over his defender, making a great catch, and falling into the end zone for Southwood's first score of the game, notching the score at 7-7.

South Adams was making good progress on their next drive again, before senior safety Mason Yentes, was able to come away with a huge interception in the end zone, stealing what would have been another touchdown for South Adams. Southwood was unable to capitalize on the turnover, sending the ball back into the hands of South Adams at

the end of the first quarter.

Fans saw an amazing offensive pace as the second quarter began. South Adams found the end zone right away as the quarter started, as they completed another long touchdown, this one being a 47-yard touchdown pass, which found the Knights trailing 14-7.

Southwood's offensive showdown for the second quarter began when Farr and sophomore Isaiah Sutton connected for a six-yard completion and a 20-yard completion. From there, Farr did the rest of the work as he bounced off defenders and scrambled his way into the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown rush, tying the game back at 14. The South Adams Starfires were able to keep pace once again. On their first play of the drive, another huge pass saw a 60-yard touchdown as the Knights once again fell behind by seven points. Farr did everything in his power to keep pace, making sure the Knights stayed in the game. Farr connected with Filip, who made a diving catch along the sideline for a 46-yard completion. Two plays later, Farr once again found Rich for his second touchdown of the evening, this one from 21 yards out.

Tied at 21, the Knights defense made a huge stop, forcing a punt, giving their offense a chance to take over, and that is exactly what happened. Farr connected with Filip for a 12-yard completion, giving the Knights a first down. Farr then scrambled for a 17-yard rush. On the next play, the Knights were finally able to get the lead they had been looking for all night. Farr dropped back to pass before finding Filip running across the middle of the field. Filip grabbed the ball and did the rest of the work, making a few defenders miss before diving into the endzone, giving the Knights a 28-21 lead.

South Adams came right back firing though, as they used small chunk plays to drive down the field before scoring on a 15-yard touchdown pass. Filip was able to block the PAT, giving the Knights a 28-27 lead. Southwood tried to score before the half ended but were unfortunately on the wrong side of luck as Farr finished the half throwing two interceptions. The Starfires were able to score on both of their extra opportunities, sending the Knights into halftime trailing 40-28.

The second half once again began with the defense being the storyline, as neither offense was able to score until late in the quarter. South Adams was able to

capitalize on good field position as they used their ground game to drive close to the end zone, before being able to punch in a four-yard rushing touchdown, building their lead to 48-28.

As the fourth quarter began, Southwood realized they had to make quick work to have any chance of coming back. That is exactly what they did as Farr led them down the field. Senior running back, Elijah Sutton, ripped off an 18-yard run, before Farr ran one 24-yards himself. Farr then connected with Sutton for a seven-yard completion, setting the Knights up to score inside the 10-yard line. Farr scrambled to the right side of the field before finding his opening and scoring from 4-yards out, making the score 48-35. The Knight defense was able to make a huge stop, giving the offense a chance to cut the lead down even more. With their backs up against the wall, Farr connected with Sutton for a 41-yard completion. Farr then found Filip for an 8-yard completion. The Knights found themselves on the two-yard line, once again trying to score, as the biggest play of the evening was brewing. Facing 4th and one, the Knights were down to one final chance with hopes of continuing their comeback. Farr took the snap, read the defense, before deciding to keep the ball himself. He made a juke to the left but was immediately met in the backfield by the Starfires' linemen, being taken down, leaving the Knights empty-handed.

South Adams was then able to run out the final four minutes on the clock, sending the Knights home with their first and only defeat of the season.

"It was a great season to finish off my high school career," said Yentes. "It's tough we lost, but it was a blast playing with all my friends. I'll never forget the memories I made with my teammates this season."

Southwood finished the season with a 12-1 record and the title of sectional champions.

"Football has taught me so much. It has brought me closer to my brothers and made memories that I will cherish forever," said Filip.

In Class 1A, No. 1 South Adams will travel to Lafayette Central Catholic High School on Friday, Nov. 20, with a trip to the state championship on the line.

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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Alabama (60)	6-0	1548	1
2. Notre Dame (1)	8-0	1467	2
3. Ohio St. (1)	3-0	1445	3
4. Clemson	7-1	1355	4
5. Texas A&M	5-1	1240	5
6. Florida	5-1	1222	6
7. Cincinnati	7-0	1198	7
8. BYU	8-0	1094	8
9. Indiana	4-0	997	10
10. Wisconsin	2-0	950	13
11. Oregon	2-0	949	11
12. Miami	7-1	940	9
13. Georgia	4-2	824	12
14. Oklahoma St.	5-1	750	14
15. Coastal Carolina	7-0	557	15
17. Marshall	7-0	557	16
17. Iowa St.	5-2	498	17
18. Oklahoma	5-2	497	18
19. Northwestern	4-0	378	23
20. Southern Cal	2-0	377	20
21. Liberty	8-0	307	22
22. Texas	5-2	296	21
23. Auburn	4-2	187	24
24. Louisiana-Lafayette	7-1	177	25
25. Tulsa	4-1	155	-

Others receiving votes: North Carolina 101, SMU 20, Utah 17, Washington 15, Arizona 3, 9, Boise St. 6, San Jose St. 5, Appalachian St. 5, Nevada 3, Iowa 2, Buffalo 1, UCF 1.

Conference Standings									
Atlantic Coast Conference					All Games				
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	
Notre Dame	7	0	249	133	8	0	301	133	
Clemson	6	1	314	156	7	1	363	156	
Miami	6	1	235	184	7	1	266	198	
North Carolina	6	2	345	246	6	2	345	246	
NC State	5	3	268	271	5	3	268	271	
Virginia	4	3	250	208	4	3	285	246	
Virginia Tech	4	3	209	194	4	3	275	208	
Wake Forest	3	4	216	221	5	4	240	242	
Boston College	4	3	166	184	4	4	221	184	
Pittsburgh	3	4	194	216	3	4	194	216	
Virginia	3	4	194	216	3	4	194	216	
Georgia Tech	2	4	129	229	2	5	150	278	
Duke	1	6	152	240	2	6	205	259	
Florida St.	1	6	135	265	2	6	176	289	
Louisville	1	6	188	217	2	6	223	238	
Syracuse	1	6	125	211	1	7	146	249	

Big Ten Conference									
East					West				
	W	L	PF	PA		W	L	PF	PA
Indiana	4	0	135	77		4	0	112	56
Ohio St.	3	0	139	69		2	0	94	18
Maryland	2	1	83	106		2	1	75	71
Michigan	1	3	105	138		2	2	124	59
Michigan St.	1	3	61	135		1	2	60	96
Rutgers	1	3	106	136		1	3	68	137
Penn St.	0	4	102	139		1	3	116	143

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	272	265
Miami	6	3	0	.667	251	182
New England	4	5	0	.444	189	211
N.Y. Jets	0	9	0	.000	121	268
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	242	177
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	249	235
Houston	2	7	0	.222	200	252
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	199	271
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	0	1	1.000	271	171
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	244	165
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	216	244
Cincinnati	2	6	1	.278	204	250
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	286	183
Las Vegas	6	3	0	.667	255	241
Denver	3	6	0	.333	186	254
L.A. Chargers	2	7	0	.222	226	245

NATIONAL CONFERENCE												
East												
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Philadelphia	3	5	1	.389	203	232						
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	195	236						
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	204	290						
Washington	2	7	0	.222	180	218						
South												
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	271	213						
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	296	226						
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	243	251						
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	233	272						
North												
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	277	224						
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	191	209						
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	227	267						
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	236	247						
West												
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA						
Arizona	6	3	0	.667	266	210						
L.A. Rams	6	3	0	.667	216	168						
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	290	266						
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	238	234						
Thursday, Nov. 12												
Indianapolis 34, Tennessee 17												
Sunday's Games												
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Detroit 30, Washington 27												

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Green Bay 24, Jacksonville 20
N.Y. Giants 27, Philadelphia 17
Tampa Bay 46, Carolina 23
Arizona 32, Buffalo 30
Las Vegas 37, Denver 12
Miami 29, L.A. Chargers 21
L.A. Rams 23, Seattle 16
New Orleans 27, San Francisco 13
Pittsburgh 36, Cincinnati 10
New England 23, Baltimore 17

Monday's Games
Minnesota 19, Chicago 13
Thursday's Game
Arizona at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New England at Houston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Chicago, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco
Monday, Nov. 23
L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The AP Top 25 Women's Basketball Poll
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' preseason 2020-21 women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2019-20 final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (29)	0-0	749	1
2. Stanford (1)	0-0	698	7
3. UConn	0-0	695	5
4. Baylor	0-0	663	3
5. Louisville	0-0	597	6
6. Mississippi St.	0-0	589	9
7. Arizona	0-0	575	12
8. NC State	0-0	556	8
9. UCLA	0-0	499	10
10. Oregon	0-0	472	2
11. Kentucky	0-0	464	16
12. Maryland	0-0	395	4
13. Texas A&M	0-0	383	18
14. Arkansas	0-0	354	24
15. Iowa St.	0-0	284	-
16. Indiana	0-0	278	20
17. Northwestern	0-0	275	11
18. Oregon St.	0-0	240	14
19. DePaul	0-0	185	15
20. Ohio St.	0-0	165	-
21. Gonzaga	0-0	137	13
22. Notre Dame	0-0	125	-
23. Syracuse	0-0	120	-
24. Missouri St.	0-0	95	23
25. Michigan	0-0	65	-

Others receiving votes: Texas 24, South Dakota 21, Florida St. 12, North Carolina 10, Arizona 3, 6, Princeton 5, Marquette 4, South Dakota St. 3, Boston College 2, Florida 1, Southern Cal 1, Rutgers 1, Tennessee 1, Duke 1.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Acquired RHP Miguel Padilla from Houston to complete the July 29 trade with RHP Hector Velazquez.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Signed LHP Drew Smyly to a one-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHOENIX SUNS — Acquired G Chris Paul and F Abdel Nader from Oklahoma City in exchange for F Kelly Oubre Jr., Gs Ricky Rubio, Ty Jerome, Jalen Lecque and a 2022 first-round pick.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Announced G DeMar DeRozan has exercised his player option for the 2020-2021 season.
TORONTO RAPTORS — Announced F Stanley Johnson has exercised his player option for the 2020-2021 season.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Stephon Anthony and Terrance Smith to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Promoted RB Lamar Miller, OL Eric Kush, DT Daniel McCullers and QB Tyler Bray to the active roster.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Activated CB Brian Allen to the practice squad from the reserve/COVID-19 list.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed FB Andy Janovich on the reserve/COVID-19 list.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Activated DE Nate Orchard from the exempt/commissioner's permission list.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Activated LB Matt-then Adams from the reserve/COVID-19 list.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed RB Chris Thompson on injured reserve.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed head coach Andy Reid and general manager Brett Veach to six-year contract extensions. Placed LT Eric Fisher, OT Martinus Rankin and RT Mitchell Schwartz on the reserve/COVID-19 list.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Signed RB Derrick Gore and WR John Hurst to the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DT Zach Sielert to a contract extension through 2023. Waived RB Jordan Howard.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed G Dru Samia on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated TE Brandon Dillon to the active roster.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed QB Jake Dolegala to the practice squad. Released TE David Wells from the practice squad.

HCAC Council of Presidents votes Friday to move forward with winter sports

MU schedules, fan policies will be updated as seasons move forward

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) released an update regarding the league's response to the constantly evolving COVID-19 pandemic on Friday, Nov. 13.

The HCAC Council of Presidents continues to weigh all medical information consistent with federal and state public health authorities, the NCAA, and institutional guidelines. Based on those current recommendations, the HCAC Council of Presidents

has voted to move forward with plans to conduct winter sports competition in 2021.

For indoor sports deemed as "high transmission risk" by the NCAA's COVID-19 guidelines, the conference will develop and approve modified schedules. Those sports are men's and women's basketball and volleyball.

The HCAC intends to play these sports while following the NCAA recommended health standards and continuing to monitor changes in the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Council of Presidents also agreed to move forward with plans to conduct the conference's other winter sports, following the guidelines that are recommended by the NCAA.

"The HCAC leadership continues to adjust and work

towards finding ways to conduct safe competition, while adhering to public health officials, NCAA officials and institutional recommendations," said HCAC Commissioner Jay Jones. "We appreciate the continued patience and flexibility that our student-athletes, families and coaches have exhibited as we adjust to the ever-changing recommendations and necessary safety measures. We know the constant adjustments are not easy, but that is the only way to conduct safe athletic competition in this challenging environment."

The HCAC still anticipates conducting spring sports and fall sports (that were postponed and scheduled to compete this spring) in the spring of 2021. The HCAC continues to monitor the effects of

the pandemic and is prepared to make necessary alterations to those schedules to allow for safe competition that meets all safety and health guidelines.

The Council of Presidents determined that the individual institutions within the HCAC will have the autonomy to mandate their own spectator policies at home athletic events. Institutions are continuing to develop those standards, and those policies will necessarily remain fluid as local, regional and state health guidelines are modified.

Manchester University schedule pages will be updated as schedules are made. Fan policies for each home contest will also be communicated.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for MU.

Epstein steps down after 9 seasons with Cubs

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Theo Epstein, who transformed the long-suffering Chicago Cubs and helped bring home a drought-busting championship in 2016, is stepping down after nine seasons as the club's president of baseball operations.

The team announced Tuesday that Epstein is leaving the organization, and general manager Jed Hoyer is being promoted to take his place.

Epstein said after the season he anticipated remaining on the job for at least one more year, with his contract set to expire in 2021. He had said repeatedly he thinks executives have about a 10-year shelf life in a job, and next year would have marked a decade since he left the Boston Red Sox for Chicago.

Epstein said in a statement he will "cherish" his time with the Cubs and said it was simply time to make a change.

"The organization faces a number of decisions this winter that carry long-term consequences; those types of decisions are best made by someone who will be here for a long period rather than just one more year," he said. "Jed has earned this opportunity and is absolutely the right person to take over this baseball operation at such an important time."

Chairman Tom Ricketts said the Cubs are "grateful for everything he has given to this organization and this city."

The 46-year-old Epstein, who led Boston to World Series championships in 2004 and 2007, is one of five executives to lead multiple organizations to titles. He, Pat Gillick, John Schuerholz and Dave Dombrowski are the only ones to do so with teams in each league.

Epstein oversaw a massive rebuild when he came to Chicago following the 2011 season. He overhauled the farm system as well as the scouting and analytics operations, helping to produce one of the most successful stretches in

the franchise's history.

Hoyer is a logical successor to Epstein. They worked together in Boston when the Red Sox won two World Series and reunited when Epstein took Cubs job. In between, Hoyer led San Diego's baseball operations.

"I have been so fortunate to work alongside Theo for 17 of the last 19 years," Hoyer said in a statement. "I could not have had a better mentor or a more loyal and trusted friend. He has already changed two storied franchises with his passion, creativity, intellect and leadership. I have no question that the next chapters in his career will be equally impressive and impactful."

Confession to decades-old infidelity devastates wife

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, my husband of 50 years confessed that 46 years ago, shortly after our son was born, he had a one-night stand with a total stranger he gave a ride to. She offered sex to him, and they went to a hotel for the brief encounter. He said he had totally forgotten about it until recently. He said he was very upset when he remembered, to the point that he felt sick.

Dear Abby



He decided to tell me because he didn't want any secrets between us, and he asked me to forgive him. I forgave him, but I have been devastated ever since. He was a virgin when we married, and he has been unfaithful only that one time. Abby, I cannot get over the fact that he did this to me. Not a single day goes by without the pain and the images of him being unfaithful in a marriage that I considered to be nearly perfect until then, take hold of me and make me very sad. I don't cry as much anymore, but the intensity of the pain hasn't subsided.

I haven't talked to anyone else about this. My husband loves me and has been very supportive, but it hasn't been enough to heal this pain. Your words of wisdom will be appreciated. — Wounded In Florida

DEAR WOUNDED: So your husband chose to ease his guilty conscience about this one-time infidelity 46 years ago and lay it on you. It would have been kinder had he "confessed" to his spiritual adviser.

Focus on the fact that what happened (once) four years into your marriage is less relevant than the quality of the relationship you have shared during the ensuing nearly half-century. Because it has been two years since your husband told you and you are still in emotional pain, consider enlisting the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist. Talking it out may help these feelings to dissipate so you will no longer be haunted by the images in your head. Please do not wait to do this. Your physician is the first person to ask for a referral.

DEAR ABBY: I have read about how narcissistic, angry, depressed people shame others and spread lies on social media. May I take a moment to remind your readers that they do not HAVE to have social media? I stopped looking at it two years ago, after the death of my sister. People said some horrible things, so I decided enough is enough — I'm done. Not only have I not missed it, I'm much more peaceful and less stressed. I connect with people I love through email, texting and sometimes good old-fashioned letter-writing. That works for me. — Freedom Regained In California

DEAR FREEDOM REGAINED: I have received an increasing number of letters from people about problems in which there is a social media element. For those who have become overwhelmed, I recommend limiting time spent online. For people who have been victimized by trolls, another solution is to simply block or delete them.

I'm sharing your suggestion for anyone who might need it — and I suspect there may be quite a few. However, disconnecting from social media does take more effort because the dropouts must decide not only who they wish to communicate with but also by what means to do it.

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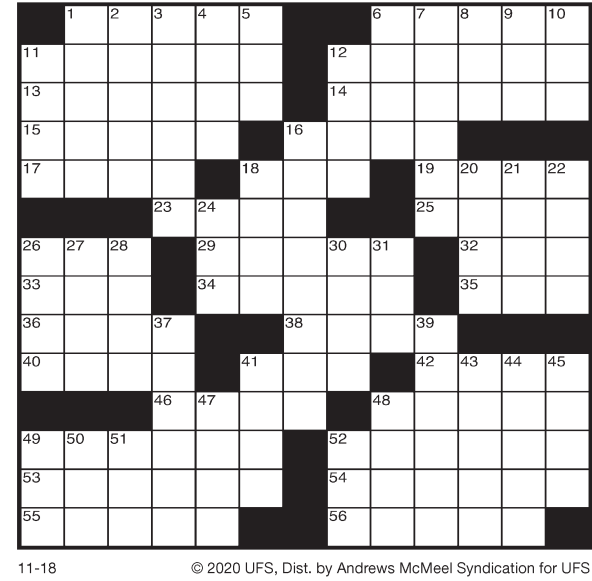
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Today's Guest JUMBLER is **RYAN PAGELOW**
Creator of BUNI

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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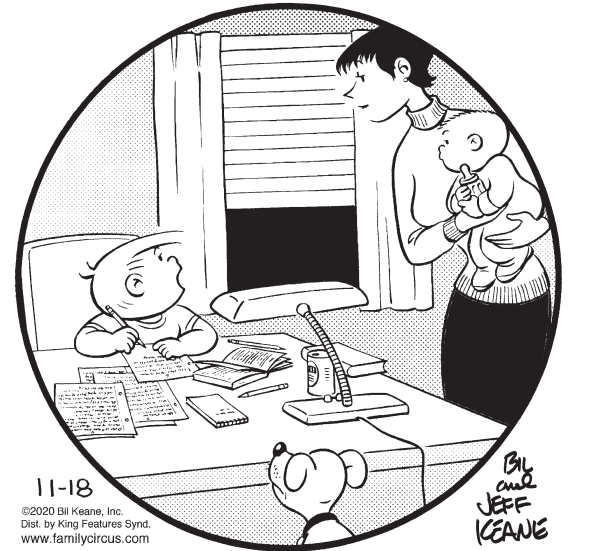
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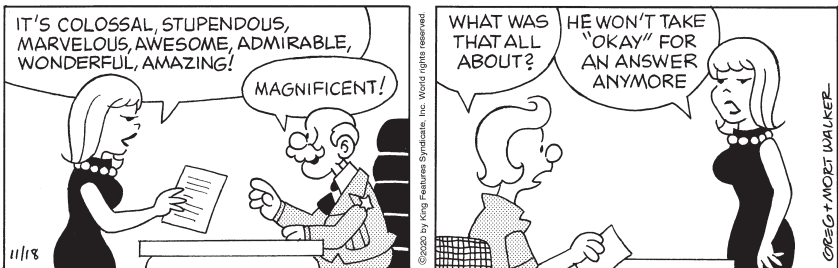
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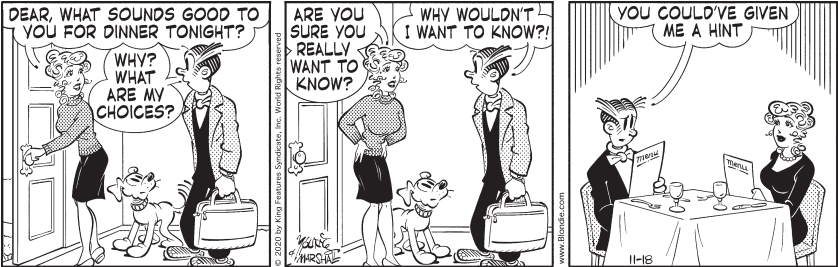
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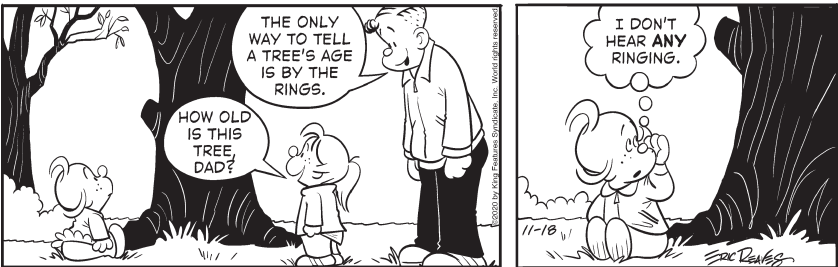
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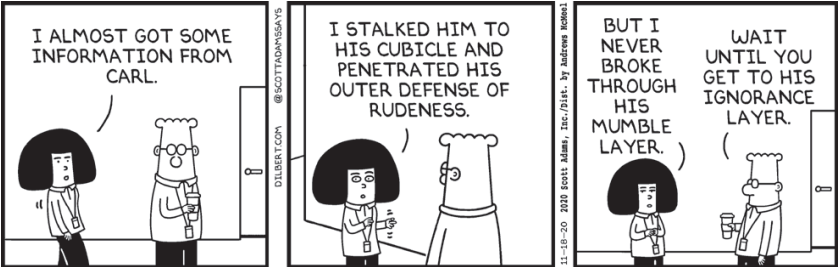
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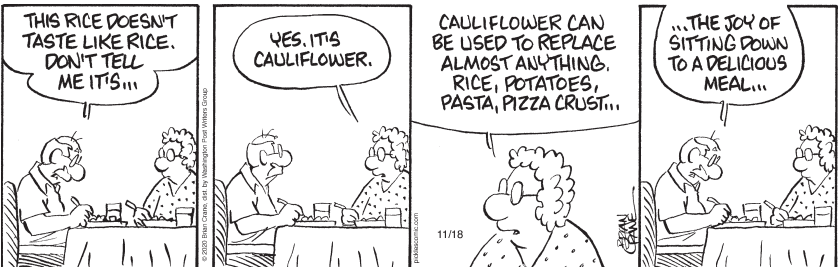
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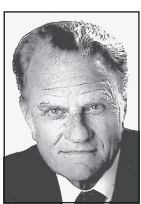


Life is a glorious opportunity if it is used to condition us for eternity

Q: What is the most important decision to make in life? — L.D.

A: The Bible reminds us that our days are as grass (Psalm 103:15). They are filled with tiny golden minutes with eternity in them. We are exhorted to redeem the time because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16). As C. T. Studd, the famous Cambridge cricketer wrote while still a student at Cambridge: "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."

Billy Graham My Answer



Life is a glorious opportunity if it is used to condition us for eternity. If we fail in this, though we succeed in everything else, our life will have been a failure. There is no escape for the man who squanders his opportunity to prepare to meet God.

Our lives are immortal. God made man different from the other creatures. He made him in His own image, a living soul. When this body dies and our earthly existence is terminated, the soul or spirit lives on forever. One hundred years from this day you will be more alive than you are at this moment. The Bible teaches that life does not end at the cemetery. There is a future life with God for those who put their trust in His Son, Jesus Christ. There is also a future hell of separation from God toward which all are going

who have refused, rejected, or neglected to receive His Son, Jesus Christ.

Victor Hugo once said, "I feel in myself the future life." Cyrus the Great is reported to have declared, "I cannot imagine that the soul lives only while it remains in this mortal body." Nothing but our hope in Christ will take the sting out of death and throw a rainbow of hope around the clouds of the future life. Anchor your life in Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "I'm honored to be the first woman to have the opportunity to command the shuttle." — NASA Astronaut Eileen Collins

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Democrats must find a way to be a pragmatic, big-tent party

In the fall elections, Democrats won the headliner but lost many undercards. With sizable gains in state legislatures and the U.S. Congress, Republicans are poised to control redistricting based on the 2020 Census and potentially take back the House of Representatives in 2022. And so, pointed fingers are flying – with an always hypercritical party looking for people, strategies and messages to blame. There’s no single explanation for why an electorate that rejected Donald Trump was in many cases unwilling to give the Democrats a chance at the local level. But we’ve seen enough clues to suggest that many voters reacted poorly to talk on the

party’s far-left fringes, which Republicans were all too happy to amplify as they labeled their opponents cop-hating socialists. In a district with thousands of cops, it couldn’t have helped Staten Island incumbent Rep. Max Rose in his failed attempt to fend off Nicole Malliotakis that some of the loudest local voices in the Democratic Party called for defunding the police. Yes, Rose stood foursquare against the idea, but too many voters saw empowering a Democrat as seconding the sentiment. So too, many other Republicans throughout New York and around the country prevailed in hard-fought races by glibly and incorrectly cari-

capturing moderate Democrats as foes of law enforcement, a characterization made easier by the fact that some peaceful protests in major cities devolved into violence. Back in late May, Democratic political analyst David Shor, citing research by Princeton Prof. Omar Wasow, pointed out on Twitter that “Post-MLK assassination race riots reduced Democratic vote share in surrounding counties by 2 percent, which was enough to tip the 1968 election to Nixon.” Shor was fired from his job for stating a fact. Democrats who didn’t learn the lesson this time around will have another chance in 2022. *This editorial was first published in the New York Daily News.*



It’s the disease wrecking the economy, not the government response

I start this column by admitting that I just don’t know what the right policy recommendation is for state leaders concerning this pandemic. That is a change from the early days of January through April, when we knew much less about the disease. Uncertainty is an input to decisions, and so many months ago, vigorous efforts to contain the disease’s spread were clearly warranted. Every serious benefit-cost analysis came to this conclusion.

While many epidemiologists still believe we can control the disease, I am less sanguine. This is not because I know more about the disease than they. I do not. Rather, it is because I think the politicization of basic public health measures leaves too many Americans scoffing at masks, social distancing and other steps to contain this global pandemic. Quite simply, the amoral buffoonery that animated the anti-mask crowd makes effective policies untenable.

This is reminiscent of the early days of World War II. It took more than six months after Pearl Harbor to convince all East Coast mayors to enforce blackouts. The last holdouts came around only after the flotsam of U-boat attacks cluttered their ports. We Americans are stubborn people, for both good and ill. Even with vaccine availability, much more vigilance, sacrifice and heartbreak remain before us. Of course, whatever actions our government takes balance the risks of the disease with the cost of government restrictions on businesses. Today, many Americans claim that government “shutdowns” are the cause of our deep economic downturn. Others believe it is the disease itself, not government action that has suppressed our economy to Great Depression levels. A bit of

rigorous thinking is in order. A number of groups maintain records of government actions during COVID, and at least two have produced measures of restrictions across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This lends itself well to a statistical test on these data. Here’s what that reveals. It is true that more restrictive government shutdowns are correlated with an increase in unemployment rates since the start of the pandemic. One might be tempted to conclude that shutdowns did the economic damage, but that’s not quite sufficient to assert causation. It turns out that the share of a state’s economy in at-risk sectors like tourism are also correlated with increases in the unemployment rate. For example, a place like South Dakota, which has largely ignored COVID, has much lower unemployment than Hawaii, which has taken the most aggressive actions to prevent the spread of the disease. Fortunately, it is simple to tease out which of these factors matter most. One need only include both government restrictions and the share of the tourism economy in the same statistical test. It is even more useful to add other factors that might influence the disease and economy. So, including the share of urban population and average annual temperature capture some elements of both. This was informative, and it turned out that the statistical test clearly removed the correlation between unemployment rate changes and government actions. What remained was simply how urban the state was, and how much of their economy was in tourism-related sectors. The conclusion from this analysis is clear. Government restrictions appeared to have no statistically meaningful effect on unemployment rate changes since late last year. Instead, it was the disease effects on restaurants, bars, hotels and similar businesses. But, you don’t have to believe my work.

Harvard’s Opportunity Insight project has a superb website that tracks daily expenditure data by state across the economic sectors most likely impacted by COVID. There are three obvious lessons to be learned from these data. The first is that every state experienced very large shifts in consumer spending prior to any state actions. So, here in Indiana, grocery stores saw a 60 percent spike in sales. Restaurants, accommodations and retail stores all began a rapid and deep descent in sales before schools shut down or Governor Holcomb took any executive actions. The second lesson is that this pattern played out everywhere, at the same time, in every state. So, places with heavy restrictions saw the same pattern as those with no real restrictions. Not surprisingly, no matter where they live, many folks prefer to avoid contracting a potentially fatal disease. The third lesson is that spending in all these sectors started to recover long before any government eased their restrictions. In other words, businesses figured out how to safely provide goods or services, so consumers went back to buying. There are other studies of the early government actions. The best paper to look at this issue estimated restaurant, bar and non-essential business closures last March explained about 12.5 percent of all unemployment claims. So, even in the very early days, close to 90 percent of unemployment was caused by the disease effects on household spending, not government action. In the end, the belief that government restrictions are responsible for the current economic crisis are easily debunked, and many economists have done so. But, we live in a time when many folks proudly avoid wearing masks and believe Mr. Trump lost the election due to fraud. We should not expect the tools of mid-20th-century economic analysis to make much of an impact on rational thinking. *Michael Hicks may be reached by email at cberdirector@bsu.edu.*

LETTERS

Pandemic a perfect opportunity for cultured meat research

As the pandemic continues to ravage the country, now is the time for Sens. Mike Braun and Todd Young to support federal funding for cultured-meat research. For those who don’t know, cultured meat is grown from cells. Since animals are removed from the process, the risk of zoonotic diseases like COVID-19 making the jump to humans is significantly reduced. The idea of cultured meat on grocery shelves might sound far-fetched. But such products are already being developed by several companies, like JUST and Memphis Meats. Unfortunately, science hasn’t advanced to the point at which cultured meat can compete with the price of cultured meat. Federal funding for more research would help fix that.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut

Trump undermining our democracy

As a New Hampshire independent who votes the candidates, I was hoping to heap some praise on Trump for his accomplishments. (For example, increasing the defense budget and promoting our military buildup.) But he reverted to his typical lies – over 20,000 at last count documented by The Washington Post – and disinformation when referring to the outcome of the 2020 election. Trump and many of his fanatical lockstep followers accused election officials in only states he lost of fraudulent activities. Bipartisan election officials, including Republicans, Democrats and independents have an exemplary history of Americans processing ballots with honesty and due diligence. Why is there fraud in the 2020 election just in six states Trump lost? Why isn’t Trump questioning vote counts in the other 44 states? Why didn’t Trump question vote counts in the 2016 election? In 2016, Clinton could have asked for recounts in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, which she lost by a total of 84,000 votes, but she didn’t. Once again Trump is focused on himself and not the country. He is lashing out at our democratic system and principles, and he could undermine the bedrock foundation of our country. His firing of Defense Secretary Esper and several other key Pentagon officials is causing chaos within the Pentagon and jeopardizing our national security while we are vulnerable during the transition of administrations. Un-American Trump’s refusal to allow Biden’s team to contact government agencies for briefings could disrupt the functioning of our government. He is unwittingly aiding our enemies.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, New Hampshire

Food supply still remains slippery

The Thanksgiving holiday will be a new experience with COVID-19. We have learned of many traditional community dinners that needed to cancel this year due to the risk of significant spreading of COVID-19. We agree that is probably the most prudent approach. It does put some additional pressure on where families can find food assistance at a time when we are wrestling with our slippery food supply. We are still adjusting to the fast-changing landscape of food availability that will supply all our programs. With a diminished supply of pre-boxed products coming from the USDA, we are reaching out to our local food donors for any opportunities they may have. This feels much more like the “hoping the phone rings” approach that we had for many years before COVID-19 interrupted the food supply, but with the demand for food assistance at an all-time high, short of the Great Depression. This uncertainty just adds another layer of challenge to an incredibly challenging eight months. Even the opportunities to buy food on the open market have limited availability with long lead times and greater expense than last year. Grocery stores are still seeing shelf conditions to be a bit unpredictable and that translates back up the food chain to the manufacture and processor level. Over the next few weeks, we have had to reduce some of the aggressive distribution schedules we have maintained since March until we have a better handle on the available inventory picture. We get asked quite often if we will be able to distribute turkeys at or around the Thanksgiving holiday and the answer is no. We don’t get turkeys donated to us and we aren’t able to buy them as cheap as grocery stores sell them. We do our best to source some supplemental items that food pantries may use to assemble holiday baskets, but this year even those items have been very scarce to not available at all. Even with the reduced amount of food we anticipate over the next several weeks, we will still need to store excess refrigerated inventory in trailers on our parking lot. This calls out another pressure point we have been experiencing for the last several years – the need to expand our cooler and freezer. We are getting the design work completed to have something to show potential funders along with gathering our numbers that demonstrate the need with just basic math. Our industry has recognized, over the last decade, that the future opportunities to provide the necessary food relief will come from refrigerated and frozen food. The sheer amount of availability in fresh produce is in billions of pounds. It also has the nutritional profile that our industry is aiming to provide struggling families. Our current physical capacity was determined in 2006 when we built our current cooler and freezer. At that time, we looked at the plan and wondered if we could justify that much refrigerated and frozen space which would be 3 times larger over what we had at the time. Over the years we have seen our percentage of distributed perishable food increase. Approximately 70 percent to 80 percent (11,000,000 pounds) of all we distribute (14,000,000 pounds) is refrigerated or frozen and we manage that in 5,500 square feet (16 percent) of our warehouse space. We have to move two pallets or load a truck to get to one. Our warehouse team continues to be committed to getting the job done and has maintained a positive attitude in the face of a lot of adversity. *Tim Kean is the President and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana. The Second Harvest Food Bank network of 95-member agencies, programs, 15 senior sites and 35 schools provide relationship building and food assistance to more than 65,000 low-income people facing daily instability in Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph and Wabash counties.*

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Item	Unit
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2. 20,000 gal -Diesel Fuel Premium #2 Fuel Oil (delivered)	Per gallon
3. 20,000 gal -Diesel Fuel Premium #2 Fuel Oil (picked up)	Per gallon
4. #2 Crushed Stone (picked up)	Per ton
5. #2 Crushed Stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
6. #23 Sand (picked up)	Per ton
7. #23 Sand (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
8. #53 Crushed stone (picked up)	Per ton
9. #53 Crushed stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
10. #73 Crushed stone (picked up)	Per ton
11. #73 Crushed stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
12. HMA 9.5mm Surface Type B (delivered laid & rolled)	Per ton
13. HMA 9.5mm Surface Type B(picked up)	Per ton
14. HMA19.0mm Intermediate, Type B (delivered, laid & rolled)	Per ton
15. HMA19.0 mm Intermediate, Type B (picked up)	Per ton
16. Raised manholes, inlets & catch basins	Each
17. Cold Mix-bituminous patching (picked up)	Per ton
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All bidders submitting proposals for Petroleum products must provide five (5) business days advance written notice of any change in price before such change becomes effective against the City of Wabash, Indiana.

All supplies shall be in accordance with referred applicable specifications. No representation is made that, following award; purchase will be made in any minimum amounts. Purchases shall be made during 2021 based upon necessity and price at time of purchase.

Bidders are invited to contact Scott Richardson, Street Commissioner, c/o City of Wabash Street Department, Wabash Indiana 46992, (260) 563-3611, for questions/clarifications regarding this solicitation.

Proposals must be submitted on or before 4:00 pm (local time) on the 3rd day of December 2020. Proposals will be opened at a meeting of the Board of Works on December 3rd, beginning at 4:00 pm. Bidders are not required to submit their proposals prior to the meeting on said date, however, proposals must be submitted no later than the beginning of said meeting (4:00 pm) or they will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked "Request for Proposals, City of Wabash, Street Dept. Supplies – 2021", to the Clerk-Treasurer, City of Wabash, (Wabash City Hall), 202 S. Wabash Street, Wabash Indiana 46992.

Proposal forms and a proposal packet, including a complete list of specifications, may be picked up at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. All bidders will be required to submit their proposals and a notarized non-collusion affidavit on forms available from the Clerk-Treasurer. Bidders will further be required to acknowledge receipt of proposal packet.

All bidders must comply with the provisions of IC 5-22, General Ordinance No. 3, 1998 of the Common Council and Board of Works Resolution No. 1, 1998.

An offer submitted by a trust must identify each: 1) beneficiary of the trust; and 2) settler empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

In addition to other evaluative criteria including but not limited to price, bids will be evaluated upon delivery time of immediacy of availability, which should be specified in the proposal. With respect to delivery and availability, time is of the essence.

The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities in the solicitation process and to accept or reject exceptions to the specifications; however, any exceptions must be explicitly set out in the proposal.

By submission of a proposal, all bidders agree to hold their proposals open for a period of not less than 60 days from opening to allow adequate opportunity to the Purchasing Agent to evaluate all proposals.

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The City of Wabash desires that all persons shall be able to attend and participate in public meetings. Any individual who requires accommodation as a result of a disability is invited to contact the Mayor's Secretary, ADA Coordinator, Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992, (260) 563-4171, sufficiently in advance of the public meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be arranged.

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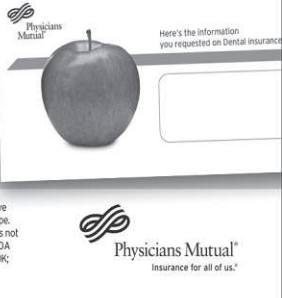
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New Manchester scholarship honors Multicultural Excellence in Leadership

This full-ride scholarship is renewable each year, for a total of four years

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Northeast Indiana’s Manchester University has created the Multicultural Excellence in Leadership Scholarship, designed to lift up exceptional and talented students who identify as a racial or ethnic minority.

This full-ride scholarship is renewable each year, for a total of four years. It covers tuition, fees and on-campus room and meal plan expenses. Manchester will award one scholarship each year.

“This scholarship allows us to honor and encourage the leaders of tomorrow,” said Ryon Kaopuiki, vice president for enrollment and marketing. “Part of the process is identifying those who demonstrate a strong commitment to advocate for change and strengthen their own community.”

Multicultural Student Leadership Awards of \$2,000 a year will go to the next five top finalists. They are renewable each year for up to four years.

“It is amazing that Manchester University values the need for minority stu-



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Ryon Kaopuiki is the vice president for enrollment and marketing at Manchester University.

dents to demonstrate their academic prowess, which at times can be overlooked. At Manchester, we are creating the next generation of medical practitioners, lawmakers, social justice champions, artists, educators and people of business,” said Maegan Polonais, director of student diversity and inclusion. “I believe that this scholarship will increase our relevance and help recruit exceptional students. This scholarship is a step in the right direction toward a more inclusive and equitable campus community.”

All admitted Manchester undergraduates receive financial aid, and their admissions counselors help them go through the process of finding the best combination to suit their needs.

To be eligible for the new multicultural award, applicants must:

Be an incoming first-year, undergraduate student.

Identify as a racial or ethnic minority on the scholarship application.

Have been admitted to Manchester University.

Have a 3.5 or higher unweighted high school GPA.

Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

To apply for the scholarship, admitted students must complete the application, submit a required essay and provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or community leader who can speak to their qualifications for the scholarship. The deadline to apply is Jan. 15.

For more information, visit <https://www.manchester.edu/admissions/cost-financial-aid/how-will-i-afford-it/manchester-scholarships> or email admissions@manchester.edu.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

42 Wabash County businesses to receive COVID-19 grants

OCRA agreed to award \$160K and an additional \$40K was pledged by County Commissioners

STAFF REPORT

Almost \$200,000 in grants have been awarded to 42 Wabash County small businesses thanks to funding provided by both the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Wabash County Commissioners, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, Grow Wabash County project manager for marketing and events.

The funds were granted to local small businesses that

had been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and the resulting restrictions and would use the fund to retain low- to middle income (LMI) wage workers.

OCRA agreed to award \$160,000 to Wabash County for this purpose and an additional \$40,000 was pledged by Wabash County Commissioners.

After the application deadline, the Grant Review Committee made up of local finance professionals and representatives from across Wabash County was convened by Grow Wabash County to evaluate the slate of applicants. After considering all of the applications submitted, the committee voted to approve 42 small businesses in Wabash County. Award amounts,

ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000, were determined by the business’ employee counts and the overall impact those businesses have made in the Wabash County community.

“Grow Wabash County would like to thank OCRA and the Wabash County Commissioners for the ongoing efforts to help local businesses retain jobs and keep Wabash County open for business despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grow Wabash County would also like to thank the Grant Review Committee that evaluated all of the applications and funding requests and voted to award grants to 42 Wabash County businesses,” Boulrisse said.

PULSE

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ISP Peru Post is participating in Click It or Ticket

Troopers working from the Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post will be increasing seat belt enforcement through Sunday, Nov. 29 as part of the national Click It or Ticket campaign. For more information, visit tightseat.com or www.childseat.in.gov.

Wabash Marketplace announces Downtown Bucks giveaway

The popular “Stamping Map” during Downtown Holiday Night to Remember is being replaced with a new program called “Shop Local to Win.” Instead of entries being accepted only on one night, the program will last one month. Wabash Marketplace is giving away \$1,000 over four weeks. Winners will be announced Mondays Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. Giveaway amounts range from \$20 to \$100. Downtown Bucks are available for purchase online and in-person at Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. The Downtown Bucks are valid at any business in downtown

Wabash. They come in increments of \$10 and are valid until March 31, 2021. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

DivorceCare begins weekly meetings again

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, “features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery.” The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash Rotary Club announces ‘No Outing Golf Outing’

Wabash Rotary Club has continued its long tradi-

tion of supporting the Wabash County United Fund campaign. And although this year’s golf outing was canceled, Wabash Rotary will still be supporting Wabash County United Fund (WCUF). Community members can participate in one of two ways. They may donate any amount to the Wabash Rotary Club or they can sponsor one of three levels toward the “No Outing Golf Outing.” All donations or sponsorships may be payable to the Wabash Rotary Club by mail at P.O. Box 159, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, call Dr. Chris Kuhn at 260-563-8050 (option 7) or email at kuhnc@msdwc.k12.in.us; call Steve Johnson at 260-563-6726 or email at steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous changes meeting locations due to COVID-19

Due to COVID-19, the local Alcoholics Anonymous groups are changing meeting locations. Al-Anon meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Sundays at 401 N. Sycamore St., North Manchester and from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. (Please use south parking lot entrance.)

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaineditor.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

NAKOTA’S BILL

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Latest in the case

On Monday, July 20, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Child Abuse and Homicide detectives arrested Dibiah in his involvement in the disappearance and death of his son.

According to a probably cause affidavit, police say Dibiah made two calls, one on Saturday, July 18 and another on Sunday, July 19 in which he said he had killed his son.

At 10:11 p.m. Saturday, July 18, IMPD was dispatched to the apartment to perform a welfare check. A 2017 white Jeep Patriot was in the parking lot registered to Dibiah. Officers knocked on the door, but there was no answer. The officers heard someone inside, but didn’t have reason to force entry. So, they left.

Later, the Jeep was no longer in the parking lot, and police, now having obtained a probable cause warrant, received a key from the apartment complex. They opened and entered. There was no one inside, but they did locate blood splatter, blood smears and brain matter in the apartment bathroom. They also discovered blood in the entryway. The search warrant revealed blood splatters on the bathroom walls, mirror, vanity, floor ceiling and closet door, and on the bedroom wall. There were two pieces of brain matter on the bathroom floor, along with black, curly hair, which was also found on a broom in the kitchen.

AT&T said the Dibiah’s cellphone was traveling west through Illinois to Missouri.

At around 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, the Jeep was located near Highway 38 headed westbound by Highway Patrolman Jake Halley. Nakota was not in the vehicle. Dibiah was transported to the Macon County Jail in Macon, Missouri.

Authorities had recently received a complaint from Nakota’s mother before the incident. The mother said Nakota was told he would be at his father’s house that weekend. He said, “Oh, I’m dead. Don’t expect me to come home.” She asked what he meant by that. He said, “My dad is going to kill me.” Nakota said his father was angry that he had hung up the phone because he didn’t want to speak to him.

On Sunday, July 19, the mother contacted their caseworker and said the father sent a text to her saying, “Sometimes I hear voices. My son is in Heaven.”

The initial 911 caller, who lives in Houston, Texas, said he had not spoken to Anthony in 20 years but had reconnected with him a month before the incident. Dibiah said he had experienced custody issues with his son, was fired from his job and had asked for money to help pay bills. Dibiah called the night of the incident, crying and screaming that he had killed his son. The caller said Dibiah said his son’s mother had given him a hard time and cost him money.

On Monday, July 20, IMPD officers met with Dibiah at the Macon County Jail, where he declined to make a statement. Officers found multiple bloodstains in the hatchback of the Jeep.

Video surveillance later showed the Jeep leaving at 2:27 a.m. and returning at 3:15 a.m. Sunday, July 19. It left again at 4:20 a.m. and returned at 4:47 a.m. It left again at 6:22 a.m. and returned at 7:44 a.m. At 8:30 a.m., the hatchback was opened by a male, who took three trips from inside

and back. The male placed a bag in the community dumpster on the second trip.

IMPD Sgt. Mark Hess said Dibiah’s cellphone had pinged twice in the 4500 block of West Vermont Avenue, in a wooded area near Eagle Creek. IMPD officers are actively searching for Nakota’s remains.

On Monday, Aug. 3, Dibiah was ordered held without bond.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, Dibiah’s jury trial was scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23 before Marion County Superior Court Judge Shatrese M. Flowers. Also at that hearing, Flowers ordered Dibiah to submit to forensic buccal swab, otherwise known as a cheek swab.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, Flowers presided over Dibiah’s initial hearing, during which he was sworn and had charges read to him. He was appointed indigent counsel, Brian Lamar, at county expense. Flowers also granted a no-contact order.

On Thursday, Aug. 6, the state gave notice of discovery compliance. In addition to the jury trial date, Dibiah’s pretrial conference was scheduled before Flowers on Thursday, Nov. 5.

On Oct. 29, Flowers issued an order granting a motion of continuance and rescheduled the pretrial conference for 1 p.m. Jan. 13, 2021. The jury trial was also rescheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 1, 2021.

Highlights of ‘Nakota’s Bill’

Among the issues covered in Zimmerman’s draft legislation, the governor’s powers to deem certain workers non-essential would be limited.

Attorneys would be exempt from emergency stay at home orders issued by the governor’s office to file emergency motions as they related to the protection and well being of children.

Courts would advance hearings on motions alleging violence and abuse or the threats on the court’s calendar scheduling the same within five working days. This hearing would also be exempt from any emergency stay at home orders of the governor’s office.

Parents and guardians will not be found in contempt of court for violation of custody and parenting time orders if said parent or guardian had a good faith belief that there was a valid danger to their child and threat of same.

Attorneys practicing family law would schedule a parent in for an appointment within three working days of a contact alleging abuse or threat to a child.

“Oftentimes visitation is every weekend and one weekend during the week and a lot of time,” said Zimmerman. “I do criminal law too and I may be in a jury trial and I say get them in next week, or two weeks, or three weeks, or a month. Well, the harm could happen to the child. You can’t just throw the file up on your desk, forget about it, get called to court, trials. Valid things, but I’m putting the protection of children ahead of everything here.”

Allegations of abuse or threat of abuse of children that are reported to the Department of Family and Children would have to be investigated within 24 hours and action taken within 48 hours of the original report. If abuse was not substantiated by the caseworker assigned a second caseworker would do an independent investigation of the allegations and complete a report within 48 hours of the original determination. This second caseworker would not rely

on the case notes of the first caseworker assigned.

“I’m also trying to protect the rights of non-custodial parents to get their visitation. People could try to take advantage of this law and deny visitation, but the overriding importance of the law, even the non-custodial parent’s right to visitation is the safety and protection of our children,” said Zimmerman.

Zay responds

In July, after Zimmerman first put forward his legislation, Zay said he would look at it closely. Now that the legislative session is weeks away, Zay said several issues contained in the document will near the top of his priority list.

“How does your heart not go out to this situation?” said Zay, on Monday.

Zay said the proposal Zimmerman makes is “fairly comprehensive regarding family law issues.”

“It crosses a lot of fronts, creates a lot of protections for the specific situation,” said Zay. “The problem is, there is some existing legislation that covers some of that and there are components of that we are working on moving forward.”

Zay said some of the mechanisms included in Zimmerman’s bill were also reflected in the Foster Parent Bill of Rights, which the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) released in 2018.

“I do not do a lot of detailed work in that area as far as family law. I’ve been speaking with and working with some of my colleagues and seeing where we can implement some of that,” said Zay. “The priority in the state of Indiana and where I have done a little bit of work is getting this DCS issue figured out how we can best serve these in-between children, in the fringes and in difficult family situations where we have to remove them and then some sort of transition back to some sort of normalcy. And that is obviously where Nakota got hung up in between just a terrible situation.”

Zay said he couldn’t promise he would submit the bill with no changes, he could say that he was “listening and I’m working with my colleagues to figure out how and where we can do much better in DCS and there are some components in there that crosses some constitutional issues between the judiciary and the legislative side and family law and family practice and where we can protect children.”

“I’m sorry I can’t give a clear answer. It’d be nice to say yes and yes. And unfortunately in this arena, you would want to do that. I’ve run up against this a number of times and a number of different ways. And we’ve just got to look at the broader application of law and how it fits across all these arenas,” said Zay.

Zay said one area in which he was in complete agreement with Zimmerman was the concept

of essential and non-essential workers.

“I think every employee is essential. And I would argue that all day long. Out of due respect to the governor and the situation we’re in I understand that, but out of due respect for livelihoods and people providing for their families and providing their necessary services, this is a very specific example of where tragedy may have come into play because we deemed someone non-essential in and amongst the social and financial hardships, suicide and different things like that that are on the increase,” said Zay.

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do have some restrictions in terms of what it can be used for.

Wimberly said the library’s budget was below the Maximum Levy Growth Quotient of 4.2 percent, with 3.6 percent increase. The civil max

levy is \$659,054. The property tax cap credit estimate is \$88,430.

In the general fund, the budget was set at \$1,322,593. The maximum funds to be raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations) is \$655,207. The current tax levy is \$632,439. The levy percentage difference is 3.6

percent.

The library improvement reserve fund budget estimate is \$300,000.

The total for both funds is \$1,622,593.

The next WCPL board meeting is set for Tuesday, Dec. 15.

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World War II POW camp subject of November NMHS program

David Pfeiffer, museum director, Johnson County Museum of History in Franklin will present

STAFF REPORT

Do you think you know Indiana history? If you do then you probably already know about the thousands of Italian and German soldiers that lived here in the mid-40s. Likely, you would also know about the chapel that was built by Italian POWs for their worship services. On the off chance that you don't the North Manchester Historical Society's (NMHS) newest program, "POWs at Camp Atterbury" is for you, according to Laura Rager, director. The November program

for the NMHS was created by David Pfeiffer, museum director for the Johnson County Museum of History in Franklin. Pfeiffer has worked or interned at such museums as the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, the Chicago History Museum, the Indiana State Museum and the Great Lakes Naval Museum. He has also done work with the Indiana Historical Society and the Kendall County Historical Society. During the past year and throughout 2021, the NMHS are be presenting their monthly educational programs virtually. To view previous programs, visit www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org for access information. To view this month's program, visit <https://youtu.be/EaLhVAEXyg>.

Manchester jazz, percussion ensembles set to perform Thursday

Admission is free and the concert is open to the public

By JENNIFER WAGNER

The Manchester University Music Department will present "Distance," a concert featuring the MU Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble, on Thursday, Nov. 19 at Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. It begins at 7:30 p.m. The Jazz Ensemble is under the direction of Scott Humphries, director of bands and music education. The Percussion En-

semble is under the direction of Bruce Schneider, MU percussion instructor. The concert features several MU students on major solo work, including senior Manuel Hernandez on flugelhorn, junior Ben Tipton on alto saxophone and senior Jonah Lechlitter on bass trombone. Sophomore Mason Kniola will also conduct a piece for the Percussion Ensemble. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. *Jennifer Wagner is the student assistant in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

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second performance of their season. The first took place Sunday, Oct. 4 and was titled "Strings – Set Apart." Before the latest show began, Robert Lynn, interim conductor and adjunct professor, said that the first show had "went pretty well all things considered." Only the orchestra's string section was performing, with the other instruments which usually make up the orchestra not participating. Robert Lynn said they usually have 50 or more performers at a time including, students, faculty members, professionals and more. He said with the social distancing requirements, they could fit between 30 to 33 performers on stage at once. Tonight they had just under two dozen. "We just kind of switch gears and there's a huge amount of string orchestra literature," he said, of the changes. "So, we dive into that. The university ... back in the '60s had annual string festivals, so there's quite a library of stuff that the orchestra has." The orchestra has two more performances scheduled for their 2020-2021 season. "Beethoven's Belated Birthday Bash" is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14 in the Honewell Center, and "Around the World in 80 Minutes" is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16 at the Cordier Auditorium. Robert Lynn said they were hoping to bring some of the wind and percussion back for the spring concerts. "Everything is sort of tentative," he said. Debra J. Lynn is professor of music and director of choral organizations and voice study. She will also take over as conductor once her current sabbatical is over. Debra J. Lynn said last month they were one of six local organizations that had received funds through the Arts, Cultural and Destination Marketing Organization

TOP: Soloist Elizabeth Smith warms up with her violin before the performance begins. **SECOND:** Fewer than two dozen performers were on stage due to social distancing requirements. **THIRD:** A grant received from the state last month may allow more performers to join in during their scheduled performances in March and May. **BOTTOM:** During the pre-show talk, Robert Lynn said the evening's concert would include two programmatic works, "Winter" from "The Four Seasons" by Antonio Vivaldi, and "The Don Quixote Suite" by Georg Philipp Telemann.

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(DMO) grant program. She said they would be using part of that grant to purchase partitions so they could include singers and wind instruments again. These activities are considered particularly dangerous due to the aerosolized nature of COVID-19. "The trumpet and flute are the main culprits," said Debra J. Lynn. "We'll be ready for March to have some wind and percussion." "The flute especially is problematic," said Robert Lynn. Robert Lynn said that with the temperatures dropping, they wouldn't be able to perform outside in the meantime. "A week ago Sunday would have been a beautiful day to perform outside, but right now it's too cold. During the pre-show talk, Robert Lynn said the evening's concert would include two programmatic works, "Winter" from "The Four Seasons" by Antonio Vivaldi, and "The Don Quixote Suite" by Georg Philipp Telemann. "Program music has an extra-musical connection that usually serves as the inspiration for the work, and often the compositions contain musical imagery derived from the extra-musical connection," he said. "Sometimes the musical imagery is so specific and detailed that it might be described as 'Mickey-mousing,' which is a technique used by film



music composers when the music is paralleling, aurally – through musical devices – exactly what is being seen on the screen. The term 'Mickey-mousing' comes from the frequent use of the technique in early cartoons, particularly from Walt Disney. Film composers developed this technique from 19th-century opera and orchestral music." He then demonstrated several examples of this technique, as Elizabeth Smith soloed on violin after each spoken phrase. *Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.*



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534 long-term care facilities at the direction of Gov. Eric Holcomb. Craft said they were one of the communities receiving assistance. "We are grateful for the ongoing collaboration with the ISDH and the Wabash County Health Department," said Craft. Craft said as of Tuesday, three Indiana National Guard soldiers are assisting us with entering over 900 test results weekly, as well as screening employees and guests before entering the building.

New local restrictions announced

On Tuesday, Dr. David G. Roe, Wabash County public health officer, said he and fellow health directors in the surrounding nine counties had agreed upon new restrictions Monday. Those include: ■ Strict mask-wearing will be required at all indoor events, meetings, retail establishments, with signage that non-compliance will result in removal and refusal of service. ■ Under level Orange, which Wabash County currently is, attendance at social gatherings and events will be capped at 250 maximum. Fifth to 250 attendees are subject to county health officer approval. Fifty or fewer need no approval. ■ Athletic events, tournaments, and recreational sports leagues are capped at 250 attendees. Roe said there will be no seating allowed at bars; seating is to be at tables only with a limit of 10 per table. All patrons must wear masks when not seated. Masks can be removed when eating or drinking. Patrons will have food and/or drinks ordered from their table from staff wearing masks, and orders will be delivered to the table to be consumed there only. Bars and restaurants will be limited to 50 percent capacity indoors, with outdoor seating at 100 percent. Any outdoor tents must have at least two open sides. Bars and restaurants

must close from midnight to 5 a.m. Gyms and fitness centers are limited to 50 percent capacity. Schools must continue to practice social distancing and mask requirements. Roe said if these counties moved to red, further restrictions would be implemented. These would include: ■ Social gatherings and events are capped at 100 participants. ■ Twenty-five to 100 attendees are subject to review and approval by county health officers.

More local closures announced

On Monday, Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County auditor, said due to the increase in COVID cases within the county, effective Tuesday, the Wabash County Courthouse and other county buildings would be opened by appointment only. The announcement follows a similar announcement last week by Mayor Scott Long, who announced Wabash City Hall and the associated departments would be closed until Monday, Nov. 30. Also on Monday, Jeanna Hann, North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator, said the Wabash County Health Department had advised that they join the Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) in closing thier the building to the public. NMPL will offer Curbside Services from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Curbside hours will be also from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and closed Saturdays and Sundays. Patrons may place their Curbside Orders either by calling the library at 260-982-4773 or visiting www.nman.lib.in.us. "We would like to thank all our patrons for their support during this time. The safety of our staff and patrons is our number one priority," said Hann. "The library will continue to stay in touch with local health officials and will continue to carefully monitor the spread of Covid-19. We will assess weekly in regards to resuming regular hours, and will post any updates on

our website and social media pages."

School figures

The ISDH's latest school dashboard results are as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 and were updated Monday, Nov. 16. The dashboard is updated weekly at midnight Mondays. Statewide, 288 schools reported no cases, 1,681 reported one or more case and 397 have not reported. During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included: ■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, fewer than five new staff positive cases, 13 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher cases and six total staff positive cases. ■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported fewer than five each new student positive cases, total student positive cases and total staff positive cases. ■ Manchester Intermediate Schools (MIS) reported fewer than five total student positive cases. ■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each new teacher positive cases, total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases. ■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported fewer than five each new teacher positive cases, total staff positive cases and total teacher positive cases. ■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, 11 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five each total staff positive cases. ■ Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) reported fewer than five each new student positive cases and total student positive cases. ■ Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each new teacher positive cases and total teacher positive cases. ■ Wabash High School (WHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cas-

es, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, fewer than five new staff positive cases, six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases. ■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported fewer than five each new student positive cases, new teacher positive cases, total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases. On the Manchester Community Schools' (MCS) own dashboard the information is updated once contact tracing is complete and all close contacts have been notified. MCS defines close contact is when an individual is within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of someone with confirmed COVID-19. "The Wabash County Health Department determined close contacts in conjunction with school personnel and advised us who to quarantine," stated MCS. The individually reported MCS cases include: ■ Sept. 28: One case each at MES and MHS, with five people quarantined. ■ Oct. 10: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined. ■ Oct. 14: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined. ■ Oct. 15: One case at MES, with five people quarantined. And one case at MHS, with two people quarantined. ■ Oct. 16: One case at MHS, with 34 people quarantined. ■ Oct. 20: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined. ■ Oct. 21: One case at MIS, with one person quarantined. ■ Oct. 28: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined. ■ Nov. 2: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined. ■ Nov. 3: Two cases at MHS, with two people quarantined. ■ Nov. 4: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined. ■ Nov. 4: One case at MIS with one person quarantined. ■ Nov. 5: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined. ■ Nov. 6: One case at MES, and one case at MHS, with two people quarantined. ■ Nov. 8: One case at MCS Transportation, with one per-

son quarantined. ■ Nov. 9: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined. ■ Nov. 10: Three cases at MHS, with three people quarantined; and one case at MES, with one person quarantined. ■ Nov. 13: One case at MHS, with three people quarantined. ■ Nov. 14: One case at MHS, with three people quarantined. ■ Nov. 16: Two cases at MHS, with seven people quarantined; and one case at MCS Transportation including all schools in the district, with 25 people quarantined. During the latest ISDH update, Wabash County schools with no reported cases included: ■ Wabash Middle School ■ Saint Bernard Elementary School ■ White's Jr./Sr. High School Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. As of Tuesday, Nov. 10, the school had conducted 69 tests during the past seven days, with 100 percent of those being negative and 0 percent being positive. In total, there had been 1,935 tests performed, with 98.2 percent of those being negative, and 1.8 percent being positive. Also, there had been 27 self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and five on the Fort Wayne campus.

Local figures

On Saturday, the ISDH reported 52 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 1,049, with 8,325 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 6.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 16.8 percent. On Sunday, the ISDH reported 59 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 1,106, with 8,492 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 10.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 19.3 percent. On Monday, the ISDH reported 35 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing

Wabash County's total to 1,141, with 8,537 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 11.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 19.1 percent. On Tuesday, the ISDH reported 40 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 1,181, with 8,639 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 11.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 20.3 percent. **Statewide figures** On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 5,541 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 262,207 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard. A total of 4,770 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 84 from the previous day. Another 255 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days. To date, 1,969,088 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 1,952,202 on Monday. A total of 3,612,076 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26. The state Department of Health will offer free drive-thru clinics at the following locations through Saturday: ■ St. Timothy Church, 1600 W. 25th Ave., Gary. ■ Clay County Testing, 911 Bonnie Gayne Miller Drive, Brazil. ■ Spencer County Community Center, 1101 E. CR 800 North, Chrisney. ■ Kankakee Fire Station, 12161 N. County Road 200 East, Wheatfield. To find other testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. *Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.*